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Pile burns continuing on Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts

Williams, Ariz., Dec. 6, 2018—For Immediate Release. Fire managers will continue to burn piles on the Williams and Tusayan ranger districts of the Kaibab National Forest today and tomorrow.

On The Williams district, 139 acres of piles off of Forest Road 186 just south of Forest Road 108 near Coleman Lake will be ignited Thursday with an additional 52 acres to be treated on Friday.

On The Tusayan district, 19 acres of piles will be burned on Thursday approximately 2 miles west of the Grand Canyon Airport.

Minimal to light smoke impacts are anticipated at both these sites. Smoke will disperse quickly due to rapid consumption and short duration.

As winter weather conditions continue on the Kaibab National Forest, fire managers will continue to seek opportunities to burn piles across both the Tusayan and Williams ranger districts. Additional information will be provided as specific prescribed fire locations are scheduled.

The Kaibab National Forest is part of a fire-adapted ecosystem and is dependent on fire to play a natural role in maintaining vibrant forest health. Objectives for these pile burns include reducing fuels resulting from previous forest restoration projects and improving overall forest health and resiliency.

The public can view approved prescribed fires for any given day on the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's website at smoke.azdeq.gov/. Prescribed fires on the Kaibab National Forest begin with the forest's designator "KNF." To learn more about smoke and public health, visit bit.ly/SmokeHealthAwareness.

Notifications of upcoming prescribed fire projects are provided regularly throughout the year. Additional information can also be obtained through the following sources:

- Kaibab National Forest Website: www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/KaibabNF
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/KaibabNF
- Fire Information Recorded Hotline: 928-635-8311
- InciWeb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5922/

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